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Trial Mobilizations in 1951 and 1952

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1. In December 1951, [] a trial mobilization took place in Pavlikeni Okoliya. Approximately 1,500 workers at Rositsa Dam reported to the village of Byala Reka (N 43-08, E 25-12), Pavlikeni Okoliya. Personnel, cars, trucks, horses, and so forth were all mobilized. In each locality the men were

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assembled in the schools.

2. The day after the mobilization the workers at Rositsa Dam were sent to the Pavlikeni railroad station and from there they were sent to units for training. The artillerymen, together with the requisitioned horses and carts, were sent to Sevlievo, and the infantrymen were sent to an unknown village near Nikopol. The infantrymen were given nine days of training with old rifles. All the reservists in Pavlikeni Okoliya were released after nine days. [] the following two reservists called up for training:
 - a. Venko Nikolov, from Bukurovo (N 43-05, E 25-11), Sevlievo Okoliya, [] an infantryman; and 25X1
 - b. Mavrodinov (fnu), from Belene (N 43-39, E 25-07), Svishtov Okoliya, [] an artilleryman. 25X1
3. While the trial mobilization was taking place in Pavlikeni Okoliya, another one was carried out also in Sliven Okoliya. In this okoliya also, personnel, horses, cars, trucks, and other materials were mobilized.
4. After they had returned home following the trial mobilization, some of the reservists in Pavlikeni Okoliya were summoned for two months of training. Those called up were from various Army branches and belonged to various military classes. [] reservists from the 1914 through 1928 classes were called. Six or seven worker from the Rositsa Dam were called for two months training. 25X1
5. Some of the reservists in Sliven Okoliya were also called for training following the trial mobilization. The reservists came from various Army branches and classes. Among those called, [] men from the artillery and infantry who belong to the 1914 through 1923 military classes. The artillery men were assigned to an antiaircraft artillery regiment in Sliven for training. 25X1
6. On 1 September 1952, a second group was called up for training from the Sliven Okoliya. [] reservists in this group from the 1914 through 1926 classes. All of these men were sent to the antiaircraft artillery regiment in Sliven for training. [] the following reservists called up for training: 25X1
 - a. Yordan Slavov, [] an artilleryman;
 - b. Ivan Mikhalev, [] an artilleryman;
 - c. Nikola Stoyanov, [] an artilleryman;
 - d. Khristo Stoyanov, [] an infantryman;
 - e. Stayko Mikhalev, [] an infantryman; 25X1
 - f. Angel Angelov, [] a communications man;
 - g. Kiril Angelov, a radio operator; and
 - h. Stoyko (lnu), nickname "Chausha."

The reservists called for training on 1 September were released on 1 November 1951.
7. On 12 November 1952, there was a trial mobilization of personnel and transportation equipment in Sofia and the villages in the Sofia area. [] reservists from the 1910 through 1926 classes [] were summoned for training. Some of the reservists were called for a day, some for a month, and some for two months. The majority were called for one month's training. 25X1
8. In the Draz Makhala of Sofia, [] two persons were called up and returned to their homes the same day. One other person here, a Communist Party member, was called for one month's training but, after three or four hours, it was decided that he would have two month's training. All the other men in this section of Sofia were summoned for one month's training. 25X1

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9. The men who had been called for one day reported to a school where they were questioned concerning their place of residence, their previous military service, employment, and political beliefs. The men summoned for one and two month's training reported to the same school. Those called for one month of training and who had some means of transportation, such as a bicycle, were told to report to the Theological Seminary instead of to the school.

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Location of Miscellaneous Army Barracks

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11. The barracks in Turnovo are old and were used by the former 18 Infantry Regiment. They are located on the south side of town, and are bordered by the Yantra River and the Gorna Oryakhovitsa - Stara Zagora railroad on one side, and by the two roads leading from Turnovo to Elena on two sides. The barracks are surrounded by a cement wall two meters high on the two sides facing the road, and by wire on the side facing the river. The barracks area has two entrances: one where the two roads from Elena cross, and one on the road from Elena which passes through "Gorniya Boaz" (a pass southeast of Turnovo).
12. This barracks area contains five 2-story buildings, as follows:
- a. Two, which are barracks for the former 18 Infantry Regiment;
 - b. Two, which are used for the Infantry School; and
 - c. One, which is used as barracks for men of the 18 Military District headquarters.
- Also located in the barracks area are a guard house, kitchen, weapons repair shop, and various workshops. This barracks area can house over 2,000 soldiers.
13. The barracks in Silistra, which formerly houses the 31 Infantry Regiment, are located on the south side of town. The barracks area is bordered on the north and west sides by a hedge, and part of the east side is bordered by a wire fence. The following buildings are located in this barracks area:
- a. Ten 1-story buildings, each 12 x 10 meters in size, which are old Rumanian barracks;
 - b. Two 3-story buildings, each about 150 meters long and 40-50 meters wide.
- Approximately 3,000 or 4,000 troops can be housed in these barracks.
14. The former artillery barracks in Silistra are separated from the town infantry barracks by the Silistra-Bruchma (N 44-01, E 27-20) road. The north and east sides of the barracks are bordered by a hedge. In the barracks area there are a 2-story barracks building approximately 100 meters long and 40-50 meters wide, stables, and a training area. Approximately 200 soldiers can be accommodated in these barracks.
15. The former barracks of 13 Infantry Regiment in Kyustendil are located on the southern edge of town on the road to Gyueshevo (N 42-14, E 22-28). The north and east sides of the barracks area are bordered by a stone fence, and the west and south sides are bordered by a wire fence. The barracks area contains a 2-story building and two 1-story building, all about 50 x 10 meters in size.
16. New barracks are under construction at a location two kilometers southeast of Gorna Oryakhovitsa Station and 50 meters southwest of the Gorna Oryakhovitsa - Zlataritsa rail line. (Zlataritsa is the terminal of a spur line from Gorna Oryakhovitsa which began operating in 1947.) In October 1952, two squares of 2-story barracks, each 100 meters long, 80 meters wide, and 20 meters high had been completed, and four or five other barracks were still under construction. Soldiers of the 4 Antiaircraft Regiment will be quartered in the new barracks. In October, the soldiers were quartered in a school located opposite the new barracks area.

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18. The buildings in Elena which were formerly used as barracks now house the Girls' Agricultural and Animal Husbandry School. There are no military units in Elena Okoliya. 25X1

Requisitioning of Military Booklets in Elena Okoliya

19. In July 1952, reserve officers residing in Konstantin (N 42-56, E 26-05), Elena Okoliya, were told to take their military booklets to the municipal office. The booklets were taken from them without any explanation and, on 7 November 1952, they had not been returned. 25X1

Blockhouses on the Sofia - Gorna Oryakhovitsa Railway Line

20. In November 1952, the bridges and tunnels on the Gorna Oryakhovitsa - Sofia railway line were guarded by Interior Troops units. On each end of the bridges and tunnels there was a blockhouse manned by 10 or 12 men of the Interior Troops. The guards on duty were armed with Soviet submachine guns. [redacted] the headquarters of the unit guarding the line is located in Gara Svoje, Sofia Okoliya. On 7 November 1952, new blockhouses were under construction near two or three small bridges on this line. 25X1

Miscellaneous Army Officers

21. [redacted] the following Army officers: 25X1
- a. Major Simeon Dimitrov Andonov, [redacted] serving with the Ministry of Communications in Sofia; Major Andonov is a member of the Communist Party 25X1
 - b. Captain Stayko Ivanov Staykov, [redacted] serving with the military hospital at Balchik airfield; 25X1
 - c. Starshi Leytenant Iliya Dimitrov Stamenov, [redacted] serving with an artillery unit in Kazanluk; Stamenov is a Communist Party member; 25X1
 - d. Leytenant Khristo Stoyanov Ilkov, [redacted] serving with an Air Force unit in Karlovo; Ilkov is a Communist Party member; 25X1
 - e. Leytenant Yordan Stoyanov Ilkov, [redacted] serving with an infantry unit in Ruse; Ilkov is a Communist Party member; 25X1
 - f. Leytenant Dimitur Rusev, [redacted] serving with the Air Force unit in Karlovo; Rusev is a Communist Party member; 25X1
 - g. Second Lieutenant (Mladshi Leytenant) Yordan Savov, [redacted] serving in an infantry unit; Savov is a Communist Party member; 25X1
 - h. Leytenant Stefan Yordanov, [redacted] serving as radio operator at one of the airfields near Plovdiv; Yordanov recently completed a communications course at Bozhurishte airfield; a Communist Party member; 25X1
 - i. Cadet (Yunker) Velcho Stefanov Velichkov, [redacted] a student at the Army Officers School in Svishtov; and
 - j. Cadet (Yunker) Stefan Nikiforov, [redacted] a student at the Army Officers School in Silistra. 25X1

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